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Plan deliver note to Prime Minister regarding aid negotiations January 15 accordance DEPTELS 333 and 340. Discussions proceeding between Gordon and Shaglouf. Last meeting reported TOICA 266.

Some ten or twelve incidents accidental dropping of objects from Wheelus aircraft, including practice bombs, gasoline tanks, and tow targets, brought to Embassy's attention by GOL during past year. In each case Embassy has brought matter to attention Wheelus authorities with request remedial action be taken. Believe Wheelus has done everything possible keep such incidents to minimum, including altering aircraft routes so planes fly over water or unpopulated areas only; requiring each pilot check accompanying aircraft assure no bombs hanging loose from bomb racks; special inspection racks; finally changing type of bomb rack; and painting bombs different colors to identify squadron and aircraft responsible in event accident.

Although reports of objects falling from planes continue be received there fortunately have been no reports of personal injury or property damage since April 1958 and such occurrences have been less frequent. Last incident reported to Embassy by Libyan authorities was on November 12.

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